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Practice

1 Look at the examples. Then rewrite the sentences (a–c) using the words in brackets.

Examples

Although sport is good for you, it can be difficult to fit into a busy life.

Despite being good for you, sport can be difficult to fit into a busy life.

In spite of being good for you, sport can be difficult to fit into a busy life.

a Although being a nurse is a hard job, it is rewarding. (despite)

b In spite of having large classes, the students work hard. (although)

c Despite its high cost, the computer is not very effective. (in spite of)

2 These sentences are from one paragraph. Number them in the correct order (1–4) to show how they link.☐ To begin with, rice is a very popular food and is eaten in many countries, such as Vietnam and Nigeria.☐ However, it is the common potato which is the favourite in my country.☐ In this presentation, I will look at staple foods from around the world.☐ Also, pasta, such as spaghetti, is a part of many countries' diets.**3** Link the sentences using a phrase from the box.

nevertheless

as a result

a People use their bikes to go to work. There is less pollution.

b Doctors and nurses work very hard. There are still many people who are sick.

4 Complete the paragraph with link words/phrases. Choose from the phrases in the box.

next

firstly

then

before

to begin with

secondly

after

finally


There are many natural disasters which are global challenges for us, and I will consider some in this essay.

_____¹ there is the problem of tsunamis, which cause flooding. _____² there aredroughts, which lead to hunger. _____³ there are earthquakes.

- 5** Write two sentences, linking the second sentence back to the first. Your subject is 'The world of work' and you can use any of the phrases from the box.

for instance like for this reason consequently unless while

Reflect

- 6**  Read the paragraph. The writer has not used any link words. How can you improve it using link words?
Work with a partner and consider the questions.

- Is it a good idea to have a link word at the beginning of every sentence?
- Could you use simple connectors like *and*? Sometimes these can help you.

I am going to speak to you today about how to be organized in your studies. You should make sure you get lots of sleep. Go to bed early on weekdays. It's a good idea to study for 2–5 hours a day. Give yourself some time with friends. Spend time with friends at the weekend. Do not visit your family more than once a month.